

and thanksgiving. I am thankful for the positive impact this organization has had on the lives of Chinese-Americans and Pittsburgh as a whole. Chinese-Americans have greatly contributed to the progress of Pittsburgh as well as the entire nation. I am very honored for this opportunity to wish them a very happy 4708.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in wishing the members of the Organization of Chinese-Americans a very happy and prosperous New Year.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 4, 2010

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3326—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE WILSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3326—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: O&M, Air National Guard

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: South Carolina Air National Guard

Address of Requesting Entity: McEntire JNGB, 1325 South Carolina Rd., Eastover, SC 29044

Description of Request: I have secured \$2,160,000 for the South Carolina Air National Guard Controlled Humidity Protection. CHP will be used to control humidity in aviation support facilities that house spare parts, tools, support and test equipment, munitions, and weapons. Traditional methods of corrosion control primarily mitigate the effect of moisture by employing corrective technologies to counteract existing corrosion damage. Such corrective methods are expensive, time consuming, and create additional serious challenges such as excess hazardous materials and hazardous waste. The most cost effective solution to the corrosion problem is through prevention, not correction. Matching funds are not applicable. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE WILSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3326—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: AGY Holding Corporation

Address of Requesting Entity: 2556 Wagener Rd., Aiken, SC 29801

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,600,000 for the AGY Holding Corporation's Next Generation High Strength Glass Fibers for Ballistic Armor Applications. This program accelerates the development of next generation high strength glass fibers used in composite armoring materials. This means lighter, stronger composite vehicle armor without sacrificing the ballistic protection needed to maximize soldier survivability. Additionally, this program supports the domestic industrial base for armor materials production. Some of the glass fiber used in composite vehicle armors is man-

ufactured outside the U.S. Developing the next generation high strength glass fibers at AGY will reduce dependency on foreign sources for a critical material, and also save U.S. jobs. Next generation high strength glass fibers can also be utilized by the commercial sector to lighten and improve armoring used on law enforcement vehicles and armored bank cars, resulting in better protection for personnel, improved fuel economy, and reduced emissions. Matching funds are not applicable. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE WILSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3326—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: XRD Inc. (XRD)

Address of Requesting Entity: 103 Industrial Village Rd., Beaufort, SC 29906

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,600,000 for XRD's Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Heavy Fuel Engine. Funding would be used for implementing XRD's lightweight military fuel engine for a Tactical UAV Heavy Fuel Engine program. The scope would include building sufficient engines to flight test and evaluate this technology for use in the U.S. Military environment. The funding would support economic development in the region and create more jobs for Beaufort, South Carolina by replacing an engine that is currently purchased from a foreign entity and is not heavy fuel capable. The funds would also support further development, design, and implementation of the manufacturing process to build this engine to military standards and support criteria. Matching funds are not applicable. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

THE MORE MEMORIALS TO OUR MILITARY THE BETTER

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 4, 2010

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, as I mentioned yesterday, Corporal Frank Buckles is the last surviving doughboy that served in World War I. He is 109 years old this week. To put things in perspective, he has lived half of America's history since the signing of the Constitution.

At the age of 16, he enlisted to serve in World War I. He lied to be able to serve his country. He was a corporal in the U.S. Army in Europe.

After the war was over he later found himself in the Philippines at the start of WWII. The day after the attack on Pearl Harbor Frank Buckles was captured by the Japanese and became a prisoner of war. He was a POW for 39 months. After WWII was over he went to West Virginia where he lives on his farm to this day.

The United States has memorials, museums, and tributes to the Americans who have served in all of our wars. There are even WWI memorials in other places in the country such as the one in Kansas City.

However, there is not one on the National Mall in the Nation's Capitol for all WWI Veterans. On the National Mall there are memorials that pay tribute to 3 of the great wars in the past century. They were built in reverse order to honor those who sacrificed to protect America's freedom and liberty. They are the Vietnam Memorial, the Korean War Memorial and WWII memorial.

I do not believe we can build too many monuments in honor of our Veterans. We need to build a memorial on the National Mall commemorating the World War I Veterans and thus complete the tribute to those who have served in all 4 of the major wars of the last century. This memorial will be built using private donations not taxpayer's money.

We owe it to all those who gave their lives to protect ours; we owe it to those who served in WWI and to the last surviving doughboy of that war, Corporal Frank Buckles, to build this memorial on the national mall.

And that's just the way it is.

CONGRATULATING THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICAN AND THE NORTHEAST ILLINOIS COUNCIL OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA ON THE 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

HON. MELISSA L. BEAN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 4, 2010

Ms. BEAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Boy Scouts of America and all current and former Scouts across the world, on the occasion of the organization's 100 year anniversary. This Sunday, I will join the Northeast Illinois Council of the Boy Scouts of America as they celebrate with a Centennial Concert and Talent Show in Lake Villa located in Illinois' Eighth Congressional District.

Partnering with local churches, schools, businesses, and other community organizations, the Boy Scouts have touched the lives of tens of millions of young people throughout the past century. Young men involved in Scouting are taught valuable skills in the areas of personal leadership, career development, and outdoor survival. In addition, Scouting offers participants the opportunity to form life-long friendships and benefit from the guidance of positive adult role models serving as troop leaders.

The Boy Scouts program teaches young men the values of responsible citizenship and community service. Year after year, I am impressed by the number of projects benefiting my district undertaken by area Scouts. It is especially inspiring to see those young men hoping to become Eagle Scouts take it upon themselves to develop a service project and organize their peers to carry it out. It comes as no surprise that such a high number of former Scouts go on to serve as leaders in our armed forces, government, businesses and community organizations across the country.

Once again, I congratulate the Boy Scouts on reaching such an impressive milestone and the Northeast Illinois Council for organizing Sunday's celebration. I look forward to watching today's Scouts become tomorrow's leaders.